

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Figures 13-18. These sheets, which include Figures 13-18, replace the original sheets including Figures 13-18.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-8 are presently active in this case. Claims 4-8 are withdrawn from consideration.

The outstanding Office Action objected to Figures 13-18 because of informalities. The Title of the invention was objected to as not descriptive. The Specification of the disclosure was objected to because of informalities.

Claims 1-3 were indicated as allowable. Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication of allowable subject matter.

In response to the objection to the Drawings, submitted herewith are Letter Submitting Drawing Sheets along with 5 Replacement Sheets for Figures 13-18 labeling these figures with "background art."

In response to the objection to the Title of the invention, the Title has been amended to recite "CMOS imaging device for amplifying and fetching signal charge," to be more descriptive.

In response to the Specification, the Specification has been amended to correct the noted informalities regarding the inconsistency in the Specification of the fixed and variable electronic shutter pulse signals ϕ ESPB and ϕ ESPA.

Consequently, in view of the present Amendment, no further issues are believed to be outstanding in the present application, and the present application is believed to be in condition for formal Allowance. A Notice of Allowance for Claims 1-3 is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner deem that any further action is necessary to place this application in even better form for allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the below listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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